

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 1, as follows:

**Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to a connecting device for connecting discharge devices to packages with liquid products, preferably foodstuff products, for discharging said products from the packages, wherein the packages have walls of synthetic material. The connecting device includes two connecting members which can be connected to each other, namely a first connecting member which is located on a wall of the package and a second connecting member which can be connected to said first connecting member for connecting the discharge device to the package. The first connecting member has a hole or a notch for a hole, said hole being closed by means of a closing member, and the second connecting member has a tubular member by means of which the closing member can be penetrated for opening the first connecting member. The tubular member can be inserted into the hole and pressed onto edge portions of the hole such that the tubular member adheres to said edge portions and the connecting members thereby adhere close to each other. The hole in the first connecting member has four, five or six corners and edge portions which extend between said corners and the tubular member of the second connecting member has a corresponding number of corners and edge portions extending therebetween.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, at line 24, as follows:

**Background of the Invention**

It is known at connecting devices with connecting members having holes and tubular connecting members fitting thereto, to design the holes and the tubular members with four, five or six corners. The purpose of designing the holes and the tubular members respectively, in this way is that connection of a tubular member to a hole shall be possible only if the shapes thereof correspond exactly with each other.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

**Summary of the Invention**

The object of the present invention is to eliminate this problem and this is arrived at by providing the initially defined connecting device with the characterizing features of primarily subsequent claim 1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

The invention will be further described below with reference to the accompanying drawings, in ~~which~~ which:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 4, with the following amended paragraph::

**Description of Example Embodiments**

The connecting devices 1 illustrated in the drawings 5 are adapted for connection of discharge devices 2 to packages 3 with liquid products 4, e.g. foodstuff products, for discharging said products 4 from the packages 3.